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(c) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The number of beatings was not recorded and it is not possible to furnish information at this distance of time. The nature of the wounds was contusions and stick marks. No picketer fell down unconscious as a result of the beating. The picketers were removed to the Hospital by the police.

(c) None.

Alleged beating of two volunteers by the Police in Mangalore on 26th March 1932.

* 3 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether two volunteers Babu Shetti and Subbayya Shetti picketed on 26th March 1932 the foreign yarn shop of Ganesh Srinivasa Pai in Mangalore and whether the Police formed a cordon round the volunteers and beat them with canes;

(b) under what provision of law the two volunteers within the police ring were beaten by the police; and

(c) whether it is a fact that two volunteers Subbayya Shetti and Vaikunta Shirianna picketed the shop of D. Kanji Bros. at Mangalore on the same date and were severely beaten by the police?

A.—(a) The two persons mentioned picketed a foreign yarn shop on 26th March 1932. The picketers and the crowd that had collected were warned by the Police to disperse. The two persons received some cuts from canes but no cordon was formed round them.

(b) The picketers were not beaten within a Police ring.

(c) The volunteers picketed the shop referred to and a crowd collected. They were warned to disperse and on refusal to disperse they received some cuts from canes.

Alleged beating of two volunteers for picketing the shop of D. Kanji Bros. on 6th April 1932.

* 4 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that only two volunteers picketed the foreign cloth shop of D. Kanji Bros. on 6th April 1932 at 4-30 p.m. in Mangalore town;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Police came in their van headed by the Circle Inspector and Sub-Inspector of Police and beat the picketers with canes;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Police van was placed between the picketers and the main portion of the road;

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(d) whether it is a fact that between the van and the shop of D. Kanji Bros. there were no persons on the public road except the picketers and the Police men;

(e) whether it is a fact that the passers-by who stopped on the public road after the beating commenced were about 50 yards away from the picketers;

(f) whether it is a fact that they were given 10 or 12 severe beatings by the cane;

(g) whether they showed the least signs of violence or retaliation; and

(h) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(a) Two picketers picketed the foreign cloth shop with six other volunteers and some on-lookers standing nearby.

(b) The Police warned the assembly to disperse, but the volunteers and picketers did not move. They were therefore dispersed with light canes.

(c) No. The van was kept near the Wenlock Hospital compound wall.

(d) The facts reported are otherwise.

(e) When the Police arrived and warned the crowd of on-lookers to disperse they moved on and stopped about 50 yards away, except the picketers and volunteers.

(f) One picketer had ten cuts and the other had fourteen. The beatings were not severe. The picketers were discharged immediately after they were sent to the hospital.

(g) They showed a determined disobedience to the orders of the Police to desist from committing the offence.

(h) None.

Alleged Police excesses in South Kanara.

* 5 Q.—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: With reference to question No. 1237 answered on 24th March 1932, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what action has been taken with reference to the complaints against Police excesses at Kanhangod on 11th February 1932 and other places made by some of the leading vakils of Kasaragod;

(b) whether any enquiry was held into the same; if so, who were all the persons that were examined; and

(c) whether any of the complainants were examined or were given any opportunity to adduce evidence; if not, why not?

A.—(a) The letter from the vakils of Kasaragod, a copy of which was laid on the table of the House on 24th March 1932 with reference to clause (a) of question No. 1237 makes three main allegations and they are answered below:—

(1) At Kanhangod on 11th February 1932 a crowd numbering about 50 gathered to watch the picketing. The picketers and the crowd were